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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore.

Guests: Hemia Collier (J. Nolte)

Birthdays: Jan 17 John Locher, Katie Hiatt-Braasch;
Jan 20 Michael Poggenklass

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Lonna Drewelow is collecting books, especially children's books - Bob Dye will collect and deliver any that members bring to the next meeting. Dan Breitbach delivered a nice pep talk on the upcoming Farmer's Breakfast coming up March 8. Dan began the process of distributing tickets.

Happy Bucks:

Next week's program:

Speaker: Colby Sheda and Jeff Rierson from the Aspen Athletic Club spoke on the process and joy of getting fit. At Aspen, the staff is focused on member results. Members are urged and supported in goal setting, whether to gain lean body mass, reduce fat, increase endurance and

so on. A sports medicine trainer assesses each new member's needs, and a custom program is designed. Jeff explained that there are five components to fitness: nutrition, cardiovascular exercise, nutritional support (vitamins, minerals, etc.), resistance training (push/pull/squat), and professional trainers.

Aspen provides a wide spectrum of group exercise classes to fit various training regimes.

Their concentration on trainers pays off in keeping students at it: the average stay at a fitness center is 90 days, but with professional trainers mentoring, the average longevity is 18 months.

Word for the day: Funipotent = playing tricks with ropes. Nobody came close.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore.

Guests: Marissa Lang and Alyssa Maher, hosted by Lonna Drewelow. Marissa and Alyssa are officers in the Mount Mercy Circle K.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Books again requested. Contact Lonna or Bob Dye if you have children's books to donate.

Announcements: Interclub with the Marion Sunrisers, 7:00 on Tuesday, February 12.

John Locher needs more readers at Polk Elementary. Contact him if you have a free half hour, most any day of the week.

Happy Bucks: Jim Moriarty had a hair raising story of slipping into the ditch, and then, while standing nearby, watching his car get totaled by another vehicle. Jim and family are OK.

Next week's program:

Speaker:

Word for the day: Misanthrope = A hater of mankind; a man-hater; one who distrusts men and avoids their society. [Antonym: Kiwanian. ed.]

Submitted: Dr. Christopher Blake, President of Mount Mercy College (soon to be “University”), spoke about how the school is a great asset to the community, both in the educations provided, and the economic impact. In fact, Mt. Mercy accounts for \$70 million of the local economy. 60% of the alumni live in the area. Mt. Mercy’s greatest challenge is in recruiting freshmen out of high school; most start out at community college. On the other hand, Mt. Mercy has great diversity in age of the student body, with adults targeted in programs like Advance@Mt Mercy. Sticker price of tuition is \$20K/year, plus \$8K for room and board. Virtually nobody pays this much, so consultation is always in order to know if this four year college is competitive with community college.

Mt. Mercy has \$20 M in endowments, 78 faculty members, 300 employees and 1506 students (of which 360 are in residence).

Dr. Blake is a native of England, and is recovering nicely from climate shock.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 26 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Eldon Hans (2/6)

Anniversaries: Jim Platt (2/3/04)

Announcements: 1. Aaron Randolph has been a club member for 30 years and received a certificate.

2. Dan Breitbach reported that 175 tickets (cash in hand) were sold this week for the pancake breakfast. Additionally, several corporate sellers verbally reported an additional 75 tickets sold. The corporate sales team met prior to today's luncheon to review the chamber directory for additional companies to contact and got through the C's. He encouraged everyone to sell.

3. Jeff Hollingsworth reported that an interclub has been set with the Marion Daybreak Club for Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 a.m.

4. John Locher announced that sign up for Taylor this week is strong.

5. Kelly Moore announced that the foundation board will meet immediately following today's luncheon.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt – happy to have an anniversary; Aaron Randolph – happy to have 30+ years of membership under his belt; Jim Moriarty – enjoyed his cross country skiing; Keith Sutherland – happy for the very cold downhill skiing recently and the fact that on June 23 or so, he will become a grandfather for the first time; Ron Sunderman – mom is doing well after a bad reaction to her chemo; John Locher – repaying his fine debt for publicity; Kelly Moore – happy that Dr. Graeff is happy after spending a day with his dog; Dr. Graeff – returning one of Kelly's dollars ; and Don Grimm – happy that the Iowa weather's been so bad he can get some work done in the garage.

Next week's program: Chuck Wehage is keeping us in suspense for next week.

Speaker: The good news is that the CR Public Library is fully operational; the bad news is we didn't have a speaker today to explain how operational it was. Without a speaker, it was open forum time:

Kevin Carlson – asked everyone to check out the website; he's archiving the board meeting minutes now;

Aaron Randolph – gave a quick overview of the investment policy for the foundation: one half of the fund is in broad-based mutual funds; one quarter each in fixed income and cash. The average annual return for the 11.75 years the foundation has existed is 7.89%.

Kelly Moore – the Mid-Year District Conference is March 8, the same day as the pancake breakfast. It will be held in Council Bluffs. It would be nice if we had a representative from the Club there.

Word for the day: Don Grimm provided the Club with a moment of levity today as he gave us the word: "furibund".

When asked by Kevin Carlson to spell it, Don kindly spelled “furious”, thus giving us the definition. Something to keep in mind for the future when we are stumped (which is almost always).

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Dan Breitbach. 10 Members in attendance.

WEATHER WAS VERY POOR TODAY!

Guests: None

Birthdays: None Reported

Anniversaries: None Reported

Announcements: D. Breitbach commented that corporate sales of pancake tickets are going well; individual sales by members not so much.

Interclub with the Marion Sunrisers, 7:00 on Tuesday, February 12, says committeeman Holingsworth..

Happy Bucks: None today, tho we all were happy to arrive safe and sound during the storm.

Speaker: No Speaker Today

Word for the day: No word today. North Dakota's own Don Grimm did not attend, although certainly not because of the



weather.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Hatala. 22 Members in attendance.

Guests: Laurie Worden (guest of Ron Sunderman

Birthdays: Dan Thies (2/10) and Kay Bloom (2/14)

Anniversaries: John Anderson (2/7)

Announcements: 1. Dan Breitbach gave the Pancake ticket report. 18 members had sold tickets as of today. Prior to today, we had sold 339 tickets, 17% of our goal. With 3 weeks remaining, we need to kick it in gear. The corporate sales people are hustling it and leading the way is Joe Schmall, who turned in sales of 295 tickets sold + the \$500 Arby's sponsorship for a total of \$1,975.00. Dan also passed around a worker's sign up sheet.

2. Jeff Hollingsworth reported that he and 3 others (John Anderson, Janet Blackledge and Bob Dye) did an interclub yesterday morning with the Marion Sunrise club at the Marion HyVee. He thought this was the 4th or 5th interclub this year. Thanks gang for doing this.

Happy Bucks: Kevin Carlson gave a buck so he could fine

Bob Hatala for appearing in the paper for his recent move to Moyer Bergman; Bob Dye – 2 bucks for his cruise and surviving the 3rd year since his stroke (he also had some sad news about his 11 yr old grandson who was diagnosed with bone cancer – our prayers are with you, Bob); Janet Blackledge – no “deer in the headlights” confrontations and she’s so happy that the weather is a little chilly since returning from Arizona; Don Grimm – his snow blower is still ticking after all the heavy work this winter; Bob Hatala – hoping that the cold weather won’t be here “furlong” (see word for the day); Keith Sutherland – happy for Bob Hatala’s witty comment; and Dan Breitbach – happy his sister’s surgery went well yesterday.

Speaker: Chuck Wehage introduced Bill Rhodes who gave a very informative presentation on the Iowa-Northern RR (IANR). Bill grew up in Detroit, ran an auto glass business there; worked construction in Miami for several years before joining his brother-in-law, Dan Sabín, with the IANR. He’s been with the company approximately 2.5 years. The company employs 77 people and is continuing to expand its market. He is based out of Waterloo and the line runs from Manly, IA to CR. The IANR is heavily involved in the ethanol transportation business. The Manly Terminal has become a hub for this industry in northwest Iowa and the railroad expects to increase from 4200 carloads to over 33,000 within a year or so. Other products or projects the company is involved in include: wind turbines, warehousing, distiller grains, food grade products and green field opportunities. They also own the Hawkeye Express which transports fans to/from Coral Ridge Mall to Kinnick stadium for football games. Very nice program.

Word for the day: Don Grimm switched gears slightly with “furlong”. Asking how long is a furlong. The answer is 1/8 of a mile or the side of the square of 10 acres.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 25 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Kelly Moore mentioned a nice thank you letter that we received from the Salvation Army for ringing the bell.

2. We've had four interclubs as of today and the possibility of another next Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Xavier Key Club meeting. Kelly Moore and Dan Breitbach are planning to attend. The meeting is at 7:30 a.m. in Rm 217.

3. Breitbach gave the pancake breakfast report

Total tkts sold..... 1361

Individual tkts sold.. 261

Corporate tkts sold.. 1100 (Goal is 1500 so we're closing in)

Joe Schmall is only 55 tickets shy of selling 500 and continues to set a high standard. With a little over two weeks remaining to sell, we need everyone to make the final push. To date, only 19 members are on record as having sold tickets. We have over 900 tickets in our members' hands, so if we sell them, we will do very well. Dan also passed around the worker's sign up sheet.

Happy Bucks: There were only a few happy campers this week (probably due to the cold). John Anderson – 2 bucks: one for Joe Schmall's outstanding sales for the breakfast and the other for Joe starting to look a lot like Ellen; John Schweitzer – thank goodness he hasn't had to haul out the 2x4's to cover his drive; Keith Sutherland – happy that the pancake breakfast isn't any earlier than March 8; and Dan Breitbach – just wondering if anyone else notices John Anderson's double-edged compliments.

Speaker: Chuck Wehage introduced Kent Stock, current principal at Oakridge Middle School in the Linn Mar district, and the former head baseball coach at Norway High School during its Final Season in 1991. Kent is a Luther grad, has an M.A. from Drake, and is married with 2 daughters. He grew up loving baseball and was hoping for a career in pro baseball. That didn't happen so he started his teaching/coaching career at Belle Plaine HS, coaching junior high volleyball. In 1990, he became the assistant baseball coach at Norway High School and the following year, when Jim Van Scoyoc, retired to take a pitching coach position with the Detroit Tigers, Kent got the head job at Norway 1991. The recently released film, "The Final Season", was a story about that 1991 season, the last in Norway's storied baseball history as it was consolidating with Benton Community High School. Kent said it was a wonderful and eye-opening experience being involved in a Hollywood movie. Sean Astin, who played Kent in the movie, and his family, became close friends with the Stocks. It took 15 years from the time the producer initially confirmed with Kent and Jim to produce the film and when it finally hit the big screen.

Word for the day: Don educated us ever so slightly (we will forget) with "cabal" v. meaning to combine (together) for some secret or private end. (Usually in a bad sense). He forked over the \$1 since several people came very close in answering.

Upcoming programs: Next week we have Deb Frieze with Families Helping Families. Mary Corkery is working on March and has 2-3 set up of which I failed to write down.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, March 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore.
Members in attendance unknown.

Guests: Sarah Schmall, Noel Moriarty, Laurie Worden

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Glen Fox (2001), Jim Moriarty (Various)

Announcements: Don Grimm says receipts for the Farmer's Breakfast are in excess of \$10K; Joe Schmall says that the food has been ordered; A Families Helping Families Gala, their main annual fund raiser, is set for April 19; Chairman Moore says that we need to consider sponsoring a camper for the IA-NE Leadership activity, April 18-20; April 5 is Kiwanis One Day - we need a service project; Jeff Hollingsworth is setting up an Interclub for March 19 with Marion Metro.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt mumbled something about a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president; Chuck Wehage was happy his '85 Pontiac is back from the fliver hospital; three Notre Dame graduates (almost, in Sarah's case) recalled most of the Fight Song; Ron Sunderman came up with the Carroll, Iowa version, demonstrating his Concert Chorale voice; Grimm had a buck to talk about the ruts in the streets

Speaker: Marlon Vogt, Cornhusker, professional engineer (Civil) and member of Alliant Energy's Speakers Bureau, talked about the plans to build a modern, efficient coal plant in Marshalltown by 2013. This would be a base-load plant, as opposed to wind or solar generation, which are inherently part time sources. Alliant purchases a lot of green energy, but ownership is not always part of the deal. Duane Arnold Energy Center was sold to Florida Power and Light. All hydro facilities previously owned have all been sold off, although Alliant still purchases the energy they produce. Alliant is looking into biomass – the Marshalltown plant will be able to burn some switchgrass. More aggressive biomass plants must employ a fluidized bed firebox to burn the mix.

Word for the day: Meliferous: producing honey

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, March 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President. Members in attendance unknown.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Lonna Drewelow, Bob Dye

Announcements: Dan Breitbach reported that the Farmer's Breakfast served about 900 patrons. They ran out of eggs and sausage.

Reminders of the Families Helping Families Gala on April 19

An Interclub takes place on March 20 at Marion Metro Kiwanis Club,

Kiwanis One day on April 5 were announced.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt rejoiced in Xavier's run in the 4A tourney; Duane Kurrelmeyer spoke of the good attendance at the Farmer's Breakfast; Ray Vaughn was very glad to be back (and looking great); John Anderson related his

trepidation at the sudden silence from the generator – probably caused by the cold temps outside; Chuck Wehage was glad to be done watching TV on Sunday nights, now that The Wire is over; Doug Dix is happy to have a new assistant – so much so that he turns his cell phone off at Kiwanis lunches now.

Speaker: Dan Mann, Airport Director of The Eastern Iowa Airport, gave a status report of the airport. The airport, unlike other regional airports in our area, is totally self supported – no property taxes go into the equation. Dan was proud of the recent improvements to the signage around the airport, which solved a huge problem. He spends a good amount of time convincing airlines to add service and destinations to our airport, and has been pretty successful at it.. The big news to the private aviators is the planned reconstruction of the main runway to the tune of \$46 million. Dan says Frontier Airlines might be adding cheap flights west from CID in the near future.

Word for the day: Inveterate: confirmed by habit; firmly established by long continuance.

And a Special Bonus Word - Chunter: To mutter, murmur; to grumble, find fault, complain

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 24 Members in attendance.

Guests: Brook Miller (Joe Nolte's guest)

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Jim Doyne, 3/20

Announcements: 1. Kelly Moore passed around a note from a child who received eye glasses.

2. Families Helping Families Gala event is April 19, 2008. A sign up sheet was passed around again today. 8-10 had already signed up.

3. Dan Breitbach reported that the Club raised over \$11,700 with the pancake breakfast. A few checks were still coming in but the forecast is that we will come very close to netting \$10,000.

4. John Locher reported that the Club will assist the McCauley Center with painting as part of Kiwanis One Day on April 5. The time is 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. A signup sheet will be passed around today and at upcoming meetings.

5. An interclub event was being held at noon today with the Marion Kiwanis Club, so a few members were absent from ours.

6. Mary Corkery announced that Dennis Jordan will be next week's speaker.

Happy Bucks: John Anderson was happy to hear via the WMT radio show's mentioning of the Quarton gift to Coe that there would be no need for further fundraising attempts on his wallet. Dan Breitbach, as usual, ponied up a buck to correct his misgivings. John Schweitzer – happy for Ron Sundermann's son's new position at St. Luke's, putting him as director of the ER; Mary Corkery – happy to hear Duane Kurrelmeyer doing an ad for Cottage Grove Place; Ron Sundermann happy for his son's recent position announcement at St. Luke's; and Joe Nolte – happy to hear his wife's lovely voice on the Aegon commercial being aired.

Speaker: First, Chuck Wehage inducted our two newest members: Laurie Worden, sponsored by Ron Sundermann and Hemie Collier, sponsored by Joe Nolte.

Laurie works for Kirkwood CC as the coordinator for internships in the Workplace Learning Connection program.

Hemie is the youth coordinator for the African American Museum and he works hard trying to keep Joe Nolte in line.

Today's program was Marty Stinson with Clipper Windpower. Marty gave a very informative talk on one of CR's newest companies. Clipper was founded by Jim Nielsen in early 2000. The corporate office is located in Carpinteria, CA. The CR plant was opened in September 2005. It now has over 300 employees with plans to expand over the next two years. The Cedar Rapids plant is located on Bowling Street in the old Goss Printing building. The primary function is assembling the turbine portion. In '07, the plant produced 137 turbines; the goal is 350 in 2008 and 500 in 2009. The 2.5 megawatt turbine can power 700-800 homes at maximum capacity. The power generation starts when the wind is 9 mph. Maximum wind for the turbine is 27 mph. 50 mph will cause the turbine to lock out.

Sticker price for one of the turbines is \$2.5 million. Europe is far ahead of the U.S. China is on the move. There is tremendous potential for wind energy in our country. We have the land, the wind and technology to provide more than double what our country needs.

Thanks Marty.

Word for the day: Don Grimm was not here today so our minds were spared.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 25 members in attendance.

Guests: Brian Davis (Kevin Carlson) – Brian is with Securian Advisors MidAmerica, Inc. located at 1327 Boyson Rd.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Families Helping Families Gala event is April 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Nine members have signed up. The sheet will go around again today.

2. John Locher reminded everyone that Kiwanis One Day is this Saturday, April 5. We will be painting a room at the McAuley Center. We have about 10 signed up.

3. Kelly Moore made two announcements regarding the board meeting but I only caught one: we approved \$500 to support the Johnson School of the Arts playground project.

4. June 9 is the state Kiwanis golf outing at Adel. Starts at 9:00 a.m.

5. Ron Sundermann announced a fundraising opportunity with a company that pays for old cell phones. If any members have one or several, let him know.

6. Bob Dye passed around an old program showing Bob in his Wonder Bread years along side canoes that the Kiwanis Club had purchased for Youth for Christ. He said they are available to the Club members if anyone is interested in a float trip.

7. Kiwanis Skip a Meal is the last week in April. Members donate the meal money to the Kiwanis International Foundation that in turn, uses it to help needy children around the world. More info will be coming.

8. Jeff Hollingsworth reminded everyone of the April 10 social meeting for the new Hiawatha Club that Byron Tabor is starting. Good interclub opportunity. Starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hiawatha Community Center.

Happy Bucks: Fran – cause she can see again with new glasses; Don G – cause being a NorDakotian, he's proud of the Fargo Club's world record 34,818 pancakes and he also was a buck happy because of 15 yr long April Fool's joke with door hinges removed in his family; Chuck – cause he couldn't let Don G. be the only happy NorDakotian; Kevin Carlson – cause spring football is here; Dan B – cause his parents are back and SO HAPPY to see him; Charlene – cause she's happy to be back and once again reunited with her son (although she didn't say that in so many words); Dick Boardman – cause he was speechless about seeing his son again; Jim Platt – cause Barak Obama is Ch. 32 at 5:00 p.m. tonight; and Jim Moriarity – cause he received a surprise check from a client that he didn't expect to hear from, especially with money.

Upcoming programs: April 9 – CR Public Library;
April 16 – Museum of Hope;
April 23 – TBA;
April 30 – Aaron Green.

Speaker: Bob Dye introduced Roger Cassill, with Cassill Motors. Roger gave a great talk on his son, Landon, and the experience of hitting the big time in NASCAR racing. Landon

is currently with the Hendrick Motor Sports team which includes Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhart Jr and Jimmie Johnson, not bad company. At the age of 16 Landon won a GM contest against 16 of the youngest and most promising drivers in America which has catapulted him into the upper echelon of NASCAR. He will be racing in the 2008 Nationwide Series which is a 1/2 step below the Sprint Car Series. This past year Landon test drove all the cars raced by Gordon and Johnson which earned him a championship ring as part of the winning team. Landon bought a house in North Carolina where he works. His grandmother has moved to live with him since he's only 18 and Roger didn't want him down there alone. He's making a 7 figure salary but Roger has him on a fairly meager allowance.

The main theme throughout Roger's talk was the relationship he and his family have and how close he and Landon are because of the time spent on the road. The entire family went to every racing event throughout Landon's career, spending countless hours in the motor home. Roger introduced Landon to go karts which led to legends cars, modified cars and now to the top.

What a great story!

Word for the day: Don submitted "bourse" and lo and behold, Ron Sundermann guessed correctly. Sorry Ron but you did surprise us on this one. Def: An exchange, or place of meeting for merchants; the money-market (of a foreign town). Used esp. of the French institution corresponding to the Stock exchange in London.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 30 Members in attendance.

Guests: Brian Davis (soon to join); Marie DeVries -CR Library Foundation

Birthdays: Jim Platt & Richard Boardman last week

Anniversaries: Mike Pogenklass & Steve Walrath last week

Announcements: 1. Guest Marie DeVries mentioned the Author Series the library is presenting. A library rep will speak to us at a later meeting;

2. Ron Sunderman will coordinate a used cell phone collection to raise some cash - bring your old phones to any future meeting;

3. Jeff Hollingsworth reminded us that the Cedar Rapids EdgeWood (CREW) Kiwanis Club is being organized tomorrow at the new Hiawatha Community Center at 5:00;

4. Eight of us have signed up for the Families Helping Families Gala;

5. Dan Breitbach and friends painted a room at the McCauley Center on Kiwanis One Day (last Saturday);

6. There's a Kiwanis golf outing at Adel on June 9 – President Moore will bring a signup sheet next week.

Happy Bucks: Dick Boardman was happy that the painters represented us so well; Dan Breitbach responded with a buck and appropriate insult; John Schweitzer engaged in shameless promotion of two free concerts coming up – Sinclair Auditorium on Thursday April 10, and Sunday, April 13 for the Kirkwood and New Horizons bands, respectively (but not necessarily in that order. He's probably home shaving reeds as you read this.) Guest Marie DeVries put in a buck in celebration of a true free lunch (she, or another library advocate, will have to sing for their supper at a later date).

Speaker: Randy Hartman and Bernie Hayes described their successful quest to win the top prize at Oshkosh for a plans-built aircraft. They took 15 years to build it and make it perfect. The plane is a fiberglass layup Rutan LongEasy, with over 60 modifications of the published plans. It's name is "Ten Forward", derived from the lounge deck of the Starship Enterprise on the Star Trek show.

The registration number of their plane is N812SP. The SP harks back to their nickname in college at LeTourneau University, "Salt and Pepper", and the 812 is the numerical equivalent of the word "Filio" (brotherly love) in Greek.

Tina Herring – Mission of Hope

Word for the day: Solecism: An impropriety or irregularity in speech or diction; a violation of the rules of grammar or syntax; properly, a faulty concord. Another definition was equally weak.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore . 31 Members in attendance.

Guests: Krista Woltman (guest of Doug Dix)

Birthdays: Three lads had birthdays to celebrate: Doug Dix (18th), Duane Kurrelmeyer (19th) and Bob Hatala (21st). The choir sounded magnificent while singing Happy Birthday.

Anniversaries: Duane Kurrelmeyer did a double Oscar performance with his anniversary also falling this week. Started back in 1974. He probably was wearing a very nice leisure suit with bell bottoms to boot.

Announcements: 1. Families Helping Families Gala event is this Saturday night at the Crowne Plaza. Two seats still available due to a late cancellation. Contact Ron Sundermann if you're interested.

2. Skip a Meal – Kiwanis International Foundation is asking all Kiwanians to donate the price of a meal during the last week in April. Project will support children worldwide.

3. State golf outing is Monday, June 9 in Adel. A sign up sheet

will be passed around the next several weeks.

4. Six members attended the new Hiawatha Club's open house last Thursday, April 10 at the Hiawatha City Hall.

5. Our club, under the artful leadership of Jeff Hollingsworth, is kicking in high gear with interclubs. Several more are upcoming.

6. There will be a short board meeting immediately following today's luncheon.

Happy Bucks: John Anderson – Keith's Bugs Bunny tie; Ray Vaughn – first day of the Kiwanis golf season; Chuck Wehage – tax day is done and gone (until the audit, Chuck); Don Grimm – announcing the embroidery guild at Prairie Woods Center; Kelly Allen had two bucks – one for Joe Nolte's announcement and the happiness she felt sitting at a table filled with Boardmans and family love; Charlene Boardman – happy to see son Steve but blessed to sup with son Dan; Joe Nolte – announced his new position as Ex. Director of the Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center; Keith Sutherland had two times the happy – one for Joe and one for his 6 weeks in California and the opportunity to listen to Steinbeck's "East of Eden" on tape while driving; Mike Poggenklass – didn't catch what Mike was happy about but I assume it's because he saw Kelly Allen and I; and Kevin Carlson – happy for Joe and the fact that he must be rich as he had to pay alternative minimum tax this year.

Speaker: Bob Dye introduced John Morris, Ex. Director of Discovery Living, Inc. John received his undergrad degree from Wooster College (Ohio) and his MA from the Univ. of Houston. John's dad was a longtime Kiwanian with the Lake Zurich, IL club. He has been with Discovery Living for 27 years. Discovery Living (DL) was originally started by several Knights of Columbus councils, incorporating in 1977 with the purpose of providing residential living for adults with developmental disabilities and to allow people with disabilities to live/work in the mainstream. Many of their clients have complex needs with multiple developmental challenges. Today the organization has 20 residential homes serving 100 people throughout the CR-Marion area. Ages range from 19-83. Each home has an average of four per house. DL employs 125

staff, mostly direct support staff. It takes four staff to staff one of the group homes 24 hours a day, year round. There is a growing need for their services. DL has a current waiting list of 35. The goal is to add 10-12 homes over the next decade. A year from now John hopes to break ground a new administrative center on Old Marion Road. The land has been purchased. The new center will allow DL to increase its ability to serve more people. Funding for operational expenses comes from three sources: federal (62%) and state and count (the remaining 38%). DL is responsible for raising the capital dollars. Residents are required to pay rent and also are responsible for their food, clothing and household supplies.

John – thanks for the informative talk.

Next week: Mission of Hope speaker and the following is Aaron Green with the CR Public Schools.

Word for the day: Don Grimm, master wordsmith, handed off the baton to apprentice wordsmith, Kevin Carlson who whipped out his electronic device to come up with: “bissextile”. We were not up to the task and saved the boys a buck. Definition: of or pertaining to leap year.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Foundation Board meeting 11:15 next Wednesday.

Byron Tabor reported success in organizing the Cedar Rapids EdgeWood (CREW) chapter of Kiwanis. He seeks a donation of \$7.96 plus 20 cents bottle deposit from our own Janet Blackledge – something about a wine purchase. He invites all to the a charter party on June 5 to be held at the Hiawatha Community Center.

Ron Sunderman continues to collect old mobile phones.

There's a Kiwanis State Golf Tournament in Adel on June 9.

The annual Skip-A-Meal fundraiser is ongoing.

Happy Bucks: Dan Breitbach expressed happiness over seeing his folks again. Joe Nolte put in his last happy dollar as he moves to the Des Moines area after his latest career change; John Schweitzer talked about another free concert at Camp Courageous on April 27; Jim Platt was pleased with his new car.

Speaker: Program Overview: Tina Herring of the Mission of Hope spoke about their facility across from the First Avenue Hy-Vee, and their services to the community homeless and needy. They provide up to 1260 individuals each month, providing four meals per week. Their beautifully renovated 100-year plus home, remodeled by the Cedar Rapids Home Builder's Association, is now a full service shelter. They accept clients who have been drinking – one of the few in town. In order to help modify unhealthy behavior, there is a 6 PM curfew. They experience 272 intakes a year, male and female. Most are former offenders on release of one type or another. They are available 24/7 as a shelter. More information is available at www.missionofhope.org

Upcoming Program: Aaron Green, Cedar Rapids Community School District

Word for the day: None – D. Grimm's in ND

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: Xavier Key Club: Mike Goldsmith (Advisor), Nicole Meyer, Fouad Khairallah, Joe Maloney and Sam Bandel;

Birthdays: Jerry Baner 5/2

Anniversaries: May 1: Kevin Carlson ('01) and Terry Main ('07); May 3: Lonna Drewelow ('89), Ron Sundermann ('00), Joe Nolte ('01) and Don Grimm ('01); May 5: Gerry Kneeland ('87) and Bob Dye ('05); May 6: Chuck Wehage ('03)

Announcements: 1. Skip a Meal folder passed around today; 2. State Kiwanis golf is June 9 and sign up sheet passed around; 3. Board meeting is Tuesday, May 6 at Wells Fargo; 4. Foundation Board approved scholarships: 2 each for Xavier HS, Coe, Cornell and Mt Mercy and 1 for Kirkwood; 5. Joe Schmall's father passed away. Visitation is today and the funeral service is tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joe's Catholic Church in Marion.

Happy Bucks: 1. Don Grimm happy he wasn't in N. Dakota under the 15" of snow they just received; 2. John Anderson for remaining neutral on Dan Breitbach; 3. Jim Platt announced that

Jim Doyme's axle is in for his car; 4. Keith Sutherland had several: a sad one on having to take his dog for his final visit to the vet, his different yet elegant? tie and leaving for his son's wedding in New York this weekend; 5. Dick Boardman gave a buck for John Anderson saying something nice about Dan Breitbach; 6. Dan Breitbach thanking John Anderson for not saying something not nice about him; and 7. Bob Dye on a sad yet positive note that his 11 yr old grandson lost his leg to cancer but has such a great attitude to move on.

Upcoming programs: May 7: Gale Losco (sp?) - Marketing manager for Parks & Rec Dept; May 14: Pat Ball - Director of Utilities; May 21: David Elgin - City Engineer; and May 28: Joe Hanrahan - outgoing Police captain

Speaker: Bob Dye introduced Aaron Green, Director of Student Equity for the CR Comm School District. Aaron graduated from Coe College in 1987 and received his masters from the Univ. of Northern Iowa. Aaron oversees the discipline for the school district but more importantly works to help students who have difficulty in school. His message was simple, yet powerful: we can't afford to weed kids out. The challenge is to help all kids achieve some level of success to become contributing members of our communities. There are too many kids coming into the schools from violent backgrounds, no meals, coming in with some type of pain. These kids will either be part of our country's solution or part of the growing problem of unprepared and uneducated youth. Aaron has a passion for making a difference in the lives of all kids. You missed an inspiring talk if you weren't here today.

Word for the day: Don Grimm stultified us today with stultify: To cause to be or appear foolish, ridiculous, or absurdly inconsistent.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, February May 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: none

Birthdays: Keith Sutherland 5/8 The choir sounded great in singing to the tie boy

Anniversaries: 5/10: Mary Corkery (8 yrs); and the BIGGIE: Ray Vaughn joined exactly 50 years ago today, May 7, 1958. In his honor, Pres. Moore questioned the club on it some dates in history, Dan Breitbach presented him with 50 white, generic golf tees and we all enjoyed a piece of celebratory cake. The sad news is that Ray, due to health reasons, announced that today would be his last luncheon. Fifty wonderful years of service, over 40 new members to the club – Ray, you'll be sorely missed.

Announcements: 1. We need speaker coordinators for August and September.

2. State Kiwanis golf outing is June 9

3. Next week we will hold nominations for officers for the 2008-09 year and May 28 will be the annual club meeting to elect the

officers.

4. Dan Breitbach announced two fundraising opportunities:

A. Freedom Festival – need minimum of 10 volunteers to work a specific event to earn \$250. The initial signup was 10 members so next week, we'll select 2-3 events to submit, listing them from first choice to third. B. Hawkeye football games event staff – starting a sign up sheet to gauge interest. Can earn minimum of \$7.35 per hour. Four signed up today.

5. Ron Sundermann is continuing the cell phone program another week or so. If you have an old phone, bring it to next week's luncheon.

Happy Bucks: John Schweitzer – 2 cents for every year Ray's been in the club. Joe Schmall – in honor of his dad and the his thanks to the club for the kind words and caring. Keith Sutherland – 2 bucks for the wonderful time in NY at his son's wedding and the opportunity to walk his son up the aisle along with his wife. Ron Sundermann – grandson in 7th grade is an outstanding trackster with a 2:31 in the 800 meter. Chuck Wehage – for defying death and making the roundtrip to N. Carolina and back. Dan Breitbach – for his parent's retirement fund. Ray Vaughn for his years with the Club. Dick Boardman – in tribute to Ray

Speaker: Jim Platt introduced Gail Loskill, director of the Parks and Rec department. Gail has been with the Parks and Rec for 16 years. She's a native Iowan, is married and has three kids. Gail gave us a rundown on the changes and focus of her department. With the many changes in local governance, Parks and Rec is undergoing a major reorganization. Where there once were four separate departments, there now is one. There has been a \$340,000 reduction in subsidy to her department and \$137,500 in the golf department. Fortunately, a strong group of volunteers has stepped forward to help fill the gaps with the cut in funding and resources.

The Parks department includes the parks, Bever zoo, the trails, riverfront and the urban fishery. Currently underway is the creation of a master plan for parks. The process will hopefully culminate in October with the plan being adopted and

implemented.

The Rec department includes aquatics, Ushers Ferry, adult and youth programs, Ambroz and Time Check, the Rec Center and Farmers Markets. Over 1500 programs are offered annually through this program. Aquatics, with the completion of the new pools has performed extremely well financially with a cost recovery rate between 97-106%.

The Golf department includes four courses, the clubhouse operations and course maintenance. Snow and ice this past winter took its toll on the fairways and greens and Jones Park took major hits with flooding three separate times this spring. Only the one nine is open at this time.

Challenges facing the Parks and Rec:

- Replacing old physical and technological infrastructures. The Ambroz Center is over 100 years old. Bender Pool is very busy and very old, being built in '68.

- Trail expansion. Great demand for additional trails but very costly at \$8,000 per mile.

- Seasonal staff recruitment and retention. They rely on over 300 seasonal staff in the summer.

Word for the day: Procrustean: "aiming or tending to produce uniformity by violent and arbitrary methods".

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 28 Members in attendance.

Guests: Byron Tabor

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: Bob Hatala, June 3, 2003

Announcements: Byron made several:

1. Hiawatha charter party is June 5 at the Hiawatha Comm Center. They currently have 34 members;
2. They have decided to use the Greater CR Comm
3. Foundation to run their fundraising through for the Lininger Park project;
4. New officers training will be June 14 at Aegon;
5. There is a Kernels clean up set for this Sunday, June 1 and again on Aug. 17. Arrive around 4:00 p.m. Byron's email is btabor@member.kiwanis.org

Final call for state golf outing. Dr. Graeff and Doug Dix have signed up. John Locher is an almost, definite possibility. June 9 is the date.

Dan Breitbach reported on the Finance & Fundraising Committee meeting held prior to the lunch today:

1. Consideration is underway to participate in the Kiwanis Peanut Day Sale. We may join the Marion club this year to help raise funds for the Lininger Park project;
2. We plan to participate in the Kernels alcohol banding fundraiser.
3. Plans are underway to raise some funds by working Hawkeye football games this fall. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Mike Poggenklass asked for info on a swing set that is currently being stored at the Nolte's and needs to be moved soon as they are selling the property.

Bob Dye passed a flyer around announcing a fundraiser for a boy (Drew Wall) who has bone cancer. It is scheduled for Friday, June 6 at Madison School off O Ave, 1341 Woodside Dr. NW from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Bob Hatala announced that we still need a speaker coordinator for July.

Happy Bucks: Dick Boardman - happy his two sons will be working; Chuck Wehage was happy but I didn't catch what his happiness was; Jim Platt - his speaker didn't show up today; Joe Schmall - his son Dan will be playing in the Shrine Game at ISU this summer; Dan Breitbach - some kind of a jumbled family happiness involving unrequited beer consumption.

Speaker: Sadly, our speaker did not arrive.

Upcoming programs:

Dave Graeff announced the June agenda:

June 4: Freedom Festival

June 11: Civil War Re-enactment

June 18: Economics of Municipal Solid Waste

June 25: IA Dept of Public Health re: New smoking law

Word for the day: Kevin Carlson subbed in for Don Grimm and presented us with: "Gerontaucracy" – government by the old people. It was correctly guessed and Kevin forfeited a dollar.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Hatala.
24 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Fran Brown

Anniversaries: 6/6/06 Katie Hiatt Braasch (Ooohh! Katie,
almost 666 – an exorcism may be in the works)

Announcements: 1. Mary Corkery reported that we have
opportunities for fund raisers with the Kernels. Paid \$20 per
person, six persons needed each night, to wrist band for alcohol.
She will get back to us when she has more info.

2. Ron Sunderman reported that he had collected and shipped
102 cell phones. How much that will net? Stay tuned for the
exciting conclusion.

3. Dan Breitbach passed around the Hawkeye football sign up
sheet. We will be pulling this together this fall and anyone
interested should sign up and complete a background check form.
Forms will be forthcoming...forthcoming forms. Say that three
times fast.

4. Brian Davis, sponsored by Kevin Carlson, was inducted today by Past Pres. Doug Dix. Brian is a financial planner for Securian Advisors MidAmerica. He and his wife have a dog, Lucy, and live in Marion. He previously worked at Liberty Bank and prior to that, a bank in Cedar Falls. A native of CR, Kennedy HS grad, Brian graduated from UNI with a degree in finance and real estate. Welcome, Brian!

Happy Bucks: 1. Jim Moriarity – 2 bucks: happy for Jerry Spence's final successful trial and sad for loss of his cat of 18 years

2. Don Grimm – one for Chuck Wehage whose home was hit by lightning and sustained significant damage and potentially a 2 week loss of power

3. Kevin Carlson – a buck for his cat after 17 years and one for Jim Doyne playing Sinatra tunes last weekend

4. Jim Platt – happy Doyne finally got his replacement car and for the fine table group that he sits with each week

5. Jim Doyne – 2 bucks: happy he got his car after a 7 mo. wait, too; and for the joke about the toilet seat being dishwasher safe. Makes you wonder how clean the dishes are.

6. John Schweitzer – happy for the upcoming fishing trip and the big lie he'll tell about the one that got away when he returns

Upcoming programs: June 11: Civil War Re-enactment
June 18: Economics of Municipal Solid Waste
June 25: IA Dept of Public Health re: New smoking law

Speaker: Dr. Graeff introduced Janet Wilhelm, the Director of the Freedom Festival. Janet's been with Freedom Festival for 7 years now. She gave an excellent rundown on what to expect this year. The festival kicks off on June 19. She passed booklets around, quizzed the club and handed out festival buttons to the winners which almost created a donnybrook between Jim Moriarity and Mike Poggenklass over America and Three Dog Night (soon to be Two Dog Night according to Doug Dix – who has insider info on such things evidently). Janet

did warn the group that the one variable they have no control over is the weather; and with the forecast not good, they've moved the concerts indoors to insure that they go on. It's the 25th festival and one of the great events each year for CR and the surrounding communities. She encouraged all to come out and join in.

Word for the day: Don Grimm confused us once again with "solatium". Kevin Carlson made a stab at it, only to be rejected. The definition: a sum of money, or other compensation, given to a person to make up for loss or inconvenience.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 15 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Sister Charmaine absent to flooding

Anniversaries: Sister Charmaine absent to flooding

Announcements: 1. New officer training is this Saturday at Aegon.

2. Dave Graeff and Doug Dix had a good time at the state golf event.

3. Dan Breitbach passed around a signup sheet for Kernels wrist banding fund-raiser.

Happy Bucks: There were several, but the scribe arrived a little late.

Upcoming programs: June 18: Municipal solid waste

June 25: New smoking ban

July 2: New police chief

July 9: Expert on gypsy holocaust

Speaker: Dr. Graeff introduced Cathy Wilson. Cathy got her BA in history at Bemidji State, her MA at the University of York in England; and is currently working on her PhD at the U. of Iowa. Cathy gave a very interesting presentation on re-enactments, particularly the Civil War. Re-enactments go all the back to Roman times. They lost interest during WWII when Hitler used them in a sinister style. We saw a revival during the 1960's as part of the centennial of the Civil War. However, the Vietnam War drew all of our attention away and it wasn't until the 1980's and the Civil War's 125th anniversary that re-enactment units started cropping up all over the country. The largest re-enactment to date occurred on the 135th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg with 25,000+ participants and over 45,000 spectators.

There is a strong following in Iowa. The first event each year occurs in Keokuk in April. Mason City holds an event in August. Re-enactments take many forms, including battles, encampments, classroom presentations and the use of historic sites, to name a few.

Britain has a large and very active re-enactment organization and Europe, as a whole, does an excellent job of replication. Cathy pointed to two reasons for this: many have family ties to America through immigration; and they are fascinated with the technology back then, in particular, for the development of weapons and ironclads.

All in all, it was a very good presentation and Cathy was dressed in re-enactment attire, complete with corset.

Word for the day: Kevin Carlson took over in Don's absence with: "ectopic". Dr. Graeff guessed correctly: "out of place".

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Hatala. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Dan Breibach (6/14), Jim Doyne, Kathy Hedlund, Pam Landon (6/27)

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Mary Corkery reminded us that the Club is "wrist-banding" at the Kernels game tonight.

Happy Bucks: 3 for Jim Doyne's 39th birthday. 1 from Mary Corkery because she's starting a new career. 1 from John Schweitzer because he thought it was odd that the only business (so far) to suffer flood looting was "Muddy Waters". And 1 from Dave Graeff for the recent Kansas City Royals win streak.

Speaker: The speaker to day is Denise Bridges w/ Area Substance Abuse Counseling. She is the multicultural prevention specialist, working with at risk children, many with parents in the ASAC program. Most of her time is spent in the schools, where she teaches diversity, drug education

and anger management. Some students have a high exposure to risk, including drug use, absent parents, abusive parents and students with children. All of them need someone they can count on and all want to be held accountable.

Post flood, she's helping to get clothing for her school kids. Most of the students won't ask, especially the boys. She asked us to be aware of children who may need help and to refer them to her.

Part time, she also works with Children of Promise, a program run out of the Department of Corrections. These are children with parents in jail. She needs mentors who can commit to one contact per week with a student, even if it's just a phone call. The more time the mentor, the better the student will do in school and life.

Word for the day: Esculent – Suitable as food, edible, eatable

Submitted: Kevin Carlson



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 25 Members in attendance.

Guests: Bob McAvoy; Mark Holub (John Locher guest) from the Glitter Gulch Kiwanis Club in Henderson, NV. Mark was in town visiting family. He presented us with a \$200 check from his club to be put toward flood relief as we see fit.

Birthdays: Dr. David Graeff on 7/3

Anniversaries: Dick & Charlene Boardman (Breitbach)
7/2/02

Announcements: 1. Ron Sunderman – We netted \$63 from the cell phone collection.

2. Sister C – asked everyone to check her revised email and phone list

3. Dan Breitbach – Ray Vaughn was in St. Luke's Hospital with respiratory problems, Rm 576.

4. Mary Corkery – needs one more volunteer for Friday, July 4. We've made \$180 so far wrist banding at Kernels games.

5. Kelly Moore – at our board meeting yesterday, we decided to focus our philanthropic efforts toward agencies affected by the flood that we have relationships with: Boys & Girls Club, Taylor Elementary, HD Youth Center and the two playgrounds that we built on the west side. International also has a relationship with the B&G Club and funding is available for help. The DeKalb Kiwanis Club is interested in joining us for a one-day volunteer effort if/when we get something set up. The district convention is Saturday, August 9 in Coralville and encouraged all to attend. Janet Blackledge's American Red Cross challenge netted \$134, the Club threw in \$16 to make it an even \$150. The board also approved \$150 for a HOBY student and \$900+ for 22 pairs of shoes, plus a \$100 or so for eyeglass bills.

Happy Bucks: John Anderson announced that Janet Blackledge is continuing her American Red Cross challenge with an additional \$5 to which John matched; as did the following – John Schweitzer, Charlene Boardman, Sister C, Pam Landon, Ron Sunderman, Keith Sutherland; Dick Boardman – for his anniversary; Jim Moriarity for savings on his mortgage; Kelly Moore – for Dr. Graeff since Kelly's family got its second puppy; Dr. Graeff – for the impending revenue off of Kelly Moore; and Doug Dix for his 30th anniversary to his lovely wife.

Next Week's Program: Next Wednesday, July 9 is a program on the Rome Holocaust

Speaker: Greg Graham, our new police chief, gave a very informative talk on his perspective as the new guy on the block. He comes to us from Ocala, FL where he spent 25 years on the force. He is married to Amy, they have three children, all teenagers and they live in the Kennedy school district. Greg spoke very highly of his staff, not only on how they've risen to the immense task at hand with the flood, but in general in terms of their professionalism. He feels blessed to be here. He answered several questions, one being the shift change from 12 to 10 hour shifts. He gave a humorous answer about the various departmental reactions across the country when faced with shift change: regardless of whether you're going from 10 to 12, 12 to 10, 10 to 8, the response is the same: it'll never work, you're messing with our personal lives, you're out of touch with reality. In

essence, he said it has nothing to do with length of shift, it has everything to do with the fact that it's a change. He also indicated that technology was an area that needed to be upgraded. He said that all aspects of his department will be evaluated for effectiveness and that includes the helicopter program. I think all of us were impressed by his demeanor and sincerity. Welcome to CR!

Word for the day: Kevin Carlson subbed in admirably for Don Grimm with "shebeen". Jim Moriarity came so close that Kevin accepted his answer, a rare event. Definition: an Un-licensed drinking establishment.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 22 Members in attendance.

Guests: Bob McAvoy

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: Fran Brown 7/17/96

Announcements: 1. District convention is Aug. 9. The Club will pay the registration fee. Let Kelly Moore know immediately.

2. The DeKalb Kiwanis Club is bringing 8 people to help with flood relief this Saturday-Sunday. Lodging is being provided by Coe College. The Marion and Hiawatha clubs are joining us as well. Meeting at 9:30 at the Cherry Building on 3rd Street SE.

3. The finance committee will meet August 13 at 11:30 a.m. and not next week as announced today.

4. John Schweitzer announced that the CR Community Concert Series is going on as scheduled. The site will be the 5 Seasons Civic Center. Season tickets are only \$30 (for 5

concerts).

5. We received great news from Kiwanis International: our request for \$5000 grant for the B&G Club was approved and a check will be forthcoming.

Happy Bucks: Dr. Graeff – Amer. League won its 12th straight all star bb game; Bob Hatala – great home run derby performance by Hamilton; Pam Landon – for going to high school with our speaker, Joey O; Don Grimm \$2 – one for getting his mother moved to CR and the other ?; Mike Poggenklass \$2 – he and Brett Favre have something in common and for the great message on the billboard about how great CR is; Mel Rhodes – he forgot what he's happy about; James Moriarity – had a dollar left after writing son's check to Wartburg for tuition; John Schweitzer – for John Waggoner and the Cubs; Dan Breitbach – his parents were sitting close but not at his table; Dick Boardman – happy his son was not at his table. Oh the love!

Speaker: Joey O, famous acrobatic golf artist and motivational speaker, gave a wonderful talk on his Dream Seed Foundation and the message he delivers to thousands each year. Dream Seed – Joey's concept for planting seeds of positive thoughts and dreams in order to accomplish/live a fulfilling life. He handed each member a copy of his book "The Dream Seed" and also had copies of his book "Seeds of Wisdom". He's provided over 80,000 books to children through his foundation. One of the remarkable aspects of his career is his drive to make a difference, overcoming dyslexia to write five books although he has difficulty reading. Along the way, he's befriended Bob Hope who wrote the foreword to one of his books. Thanks, Joey.

Next Week's Program: Don Tyne talking about veterans' affairs.

Word for the day: Don Grimm returned with a vengeance and once again, stumped the crowd with "Xanthic" – meaning: "relating to, or tending toward a yellow color".

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Bob Hatala. 20 Members in attendance.

Guests: Bob McAvoy

Birthdays: Charlene Boardman 7/27, lovely bride of Dick Boardman and mother-once-removed from Dan Breitbach

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: 1. Over the weekend, 26 people volunteered 205 hours toward the flood relief. With the DeKalb club bringing 8, our club along with the Hiawatha and Marion clubs joined forces to help with clean up on 3rd Street SE.

2. Bob read a thank you from Alyssa Driscoll for her Kiwanis scholarship to attend St. Xavier College in Chicago, IL.

Happy Bucks: John Locher – happy to have a buck remaining from his trip to Norway; Jim Platt – happy for the nice article on Doug Dix's company in the recent issue of City Revealed; John Anderson – happy to be back in warm weather after his rather chilly fishing trip to northern Ontario; Don Grimm – 2x happy that he remembered his wife was out of town last week but she came back this week; Mary Corkery – happy for the great work

over the weekend; Dick Boardman was 3x happy that his son was at their table today, that Dan Schmall got some press for the upcoming Shrine game, and that Ron Sunderman was giving him some good inexpensive insurance advice; Ron Sundermann – happy buck for the not-so-free advertising from Dick; Chuck Wehage – the chigger bites are going away since returning from his trip up north; Dan Breitbach – 2x happy for his mom's birthday and for his son, Tommy's, recognition as a 2nd team preseason all-American d-back; Sister C- happy to be back from vacation safely; and Bob Hatala – that OSHA didn't show up over the weekend.

Speaker: Bob introduced Don Tyne, Veteran Affairs officer for Linn County. Don has 32 years of Army Reserve and 5 years active duty under his belt. He is a retired Lt. Colonel. He gave us an overview of our local Veteran Affairs office. One of his primary tasks is helping vets receive benefits compensation for active duty. This past fiscal year, his office received over \$15 million for veterans in Linn County and an additional \$5 million for medical care through the Iowa City VA Hospital. He was instrumental in getting the Iowa Vet's Trust Fund passed this past year. This fund is set up to help vets who have experienced a major catastrophe, had uncovered medical bills or have lost jobs, became disabled or just have fallen on hard times. The program provides food, clothing and shelter for several months until the vet can get back on his/her feet.

This will be the third year for both their Stand Down and Sleep Out fundraisers to help the homeless vets.

Thanks Don for the informative presentation.

Upcoming programs: Playtime Poppy is next week.

Word for the day: "Declivity" by our wordsmith, Don Grimm. Unfortunately, due to the attending members' declivity in mental output today, we weren't able to guess that the correct definition was: "a downward inclination or a descending slope".

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 30 Members in attendance.

Guests: Speakers - Carla Helmkamp, Mary Locher

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Mary Corkery announced that Hacap/CR Schools/Homeless Childrens's Trust will be preparing 2,100 backpacks at Polk School: August 5, 6, 7 from 9 - 12, 1-4, 5:30-8:30. Sign up sheets will be on the Kiwanis web site. Also need volunteers on August 9th at Vets Stadium from 7-1 to set-up, registration and clean up. Need 20 to 25 people to help.

2. Volunteers are need for Kernels games in August to do wrist banding. Dates will also be on the web site.

3. Sister Charmaine announced Czech Museum is having a fund raiser at Kennedy High School August 9th.

4. Reminder of the Kiwanis district convention in Coralville. Five have signed up and they have room for more. Call Kelly to sign

up.

Happy Bucks: Lots of happy people!! -

- Ron Sundermann - update on Sally, classmate of his daughter who many in the Club helped last year. She thanked the Club for the help. Her health is holding.
- Duane Kurrelmeyer - Ken Stevely former member of Downtown Kiwanis died.
- John Anderson - WMT's birthday, and even though he doesn't like all of the on-air talent, he does like Jim Doyne.
- Bob Dye - Colorado peaches are coming - August 7th and 21st. They will be distributed at 5 sites. See Bob to order.
- Jim Moriarty - thanks to Doug Dix for providing him office space.
- Jim Doyne - thanks to John Anderson for not naming him.
- Chuck Wehage - all aluminum has been removed from his house.
- Don Grimm - was happy
- Joe Schmall - last child is in college. Alone at last!!!
- Kevin Carlson - Football drills have started
- Kelly Moore - successful baseball tour with his son

Next week: Dave Koch - City Information Officer Jim Patterson

Speaker: John Locher introduced the guest speakers: Carla Helmkamp and Mary Locher (wife of John Locher) from Cedar Rapids Childrens Theater - Play Time Poppy

The organization has been in operation for 57 years with the mission to present, sponsor educational programs in theater/drama/arts for children. They contract with Kennedy, Jefferson, and Washington High Schools each year to present children friendly drama. In the 2008/2009 school year they are sponsoring:

Timeless Tales at Jefferson, October 15-18

Disney 100 Dalmatians' at Kennedy January 28-31

Sleeping Beauty - Washington H.S. April 22-25

Mary Locher is responsible for the matinee performance on Wed @ 1:00 pm.

This performance is used for school field trips. Last year 1679 students attended the matinees of 3 performances.

Attendance has declined this past year. They are looking for funding for tickets and busing students to this function.

Word for the day: Pixilated - 1) somewhat unbalanced mentally; also, bemused. 2) whimsical. Jim Moriarty successfully gave the correct definition!!!

Submitted: Charlene Boardman



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 28 Members in attendance.

Guests: Paula Grady (applicant for membership); Jessica Stayskal (Laurie Worden)

Birthdays: John Schweitzer, Jeff Hollingsworth

Anniversaries: John Locher (2001)

Announcements: Hemie gave us an update on the African American Museum. They are still out of their building, but managed to save 90 percent of their collection.

President Moore announced that donations were approved at this month's board meeting for the Boys and Girls Club and Joey O.

Also, Kiwanis clubs from Algiers (New Orleans) and Clinton IA have contacted him to offer donations or help with cleanup.

Happy Bucks: Dick Boardman announced his 49th wedding anniversary, and Charlene Boardman promptly corrected that to # 48 (Dick responded that it seemed like

49; Mary Corkery was happy that her nephew visited, and also happy that the visit is over; Chuck Wehage celebrated his 47th wedding anniversary and assured the club that the number is accurate.

Speaker: Dave Koch, communications specialist from the Cedar Rapids Fire Department reviewed his role as principal media spokesman for the City of Cedar Rapids in the weeks after the June flood. This Iowa State grad and Storm Lake native has returned to his day job at the Fire Department, and went over some of the principal causes of home fires. In order, causes of fires are: Cooking, Heating, Electrical and Arson. His advice: take a big spoon or a pot holder with you if the phone rings or someone comes to the door and interrupts cooking.

While smoking is not in the top four as fire causes, it is the number one cause of fatalities due to fire. Another curious fact: arson is the number one cause of fires on college campuses.

Next week – Foundation II; August 20 is a talk on the youth obesity problem and on August 27 we will hear about the library recovery progress.

Word for the day: Narcebo – sorta the opposite of placebo – a substance that causes harm to the consumer because he/she believes it harmful.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Dan Breitbach. 28 Members in attendance.

Guests: John Tursi – Boys and Girls Club; Anna Marie Kane – Bob McAvoy’s sister; Byron Tabor

Birthdays: Ron Sunderman (8/16); Chuck Wehage (8/18)

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. B. Tabor – Marion Metro is doing a pancake breakfast on September 20 at First Methodist, Marion;

2. Peanut Day is in the planning stage for early October; a matching grant of \$40K (by Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation) for pediatric trauma kits is available – if fully subscribed, it will essentially complete the project.

3. Duane Kurrelmeyer wants the club to think about locations for gumball machines – most of the previous locations were wiped out by the flood.

4. A consensus (unanimous) of the members present rose in

support of Olivet Nazarene's project to replace and expand the playground at their facility, keeping the dedication to Duane Kurrelmeyer in place. This will likely lead to future support by the club with financial and sweat resources.

5. Dan Breitbach presented a check for \$4,013 to John Tursi for the Boys and Girls Club.

6. Paula Grady was inducted today. She is most welcome, and will no doubt be a very active member.

Happy Bucks: Limited in the interest of time, but did include the one from Chuck Wehage on the occasion of his entry into REALLY old age, and several others..

Speaker: Paul Swanson, Youth Services Coordinator for Foundation II described some of the interventions that his organization does for troubled young folks in our community. Sometimes, this takes the form of individual and family counseling to resolve conflicts in homes. A major activity is providing services to the 400-odd homeless teens in the CR metro area. Foundation II has a service van that provides food and other amenities to street kids at all hours of the day and night. They provide a shelter for those who cannot live in a home situation, and these kids give back to the community in the form of service. Over 1200 hours of flood services have been provided in the past couple of months. They staff a crisis center, a 24-hours call in operation, transitional services to ease moves back to a "normal" lifestyle, and after school programs for troubled youth. Their clientele is changing – 20 years ago, the average age of kids they helped was 16; now it's 13. Sixty percent are female.

Next week –a talk on the youth obesity problem and on August 27 we will hear about the library recovery progress.

Word for the day: caesura – a break or interruption, as in a line of verse or at a rhythmic point of division in a melody

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, August 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. The Algiers Morning Edition Kiwanis Club of New Orleans sent a check for flood relief.

2. Mary Corkery still needs volunteers to wristband at the following two Kernels' games: 8/29 and 9/3.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt – wife happy to have him out of the house today at noon; Dick Boardman – fine for miscalculating their anniversary years; Keith Sutherland – 1st time grandfather; Chuck Wehage – wife was rear ended but okay; Joe Schmall – greatest game in the world begins 8/29 and also a buck for Tommy Breitbach's article in the paper; Kevin Carlson – asking Joe for a QB update from Omaha on his son; Kelly Moore – happy to be back from Vegas trip with 14 in-laws; John Anderson – going to Cubs game tomorrow; and Dan Breitbach – don't blame him for his dad's miscalculations.

Speaker: Mary Corkery introduced Hal Garwood and Jim Patterson who talked about the SWITCH program and showed a video. Both Hal and Jim are long time educators in the CR school district. For a number of years they ran the Skipper Jump Rope program promoting fitness. Now, they are project consultants for the SWITCH program in CR. This program began in August 2005 in both CR and Lakeville, MN. The focus is family obesity prevention and targets 3rd grade students and families in CR, Marion and College School Districts. It is fully funded by private businesses and operates on approximately \$150,000 annually. The top corporate sponsors are Cargill (\$100,000) and Rockwell (\$15,000).

This past year over 900 families signed up and participated in the program. The battle cry, so to speak, is "Switch what you... Do...View...Chew. It is all about reducing screen time (TV, cell phone, computer), exercising more and eating healthy (more fruits and vegetables). All kids who sign up receive a pedometer to track how many steps they take daily. The overall response from the families involved has been excellent and the results very positive.

Excellent program – very informative. Thanks Hal and Jim.

8/27: Marcie DeVries – CR Library; and 9/3: Steve Fletcher – Gazette Editor

Word for the day: Don Grimm actually fessed up without spleneticism and paid his buck when his word for the day, "splenetic" was correctly guessed. Splenetic: marked by bad temper, malevolence, or spite.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 29 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Don Grimm 9/1 and Aaron Randolph (didn't catch the date)

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. We lost 40 gumball machines to the flooding; will get some back but we are looking for new locations.

2. Boys and Girls Club sent nice thank you for gift and offered a tour and visit in the near future.

3. Installation dinner will be Sept. 24 at noon ~ our regular luncheon time. This is a change from the usual evening function. Spouses are invited. Incoming President, Bob Hatala, will ask the Board to consider donating the money normally set aside to help subsidize the installation dinner to be used for flood relief.

4. Kelly Moore was on a roll with college football around the corner and passed around the SDSU press guide with Glen Fox Jr. in it. SDSU plays ISU this week.

5. Jim Moriarty announced that he is back in his office and offered a happy buck to that as well.

6. Mary Corkery needs 1-2 more for the Kernels game this Friday, Aug. 29 for wrist banding; and 1-2 more for next week.

Happy Bucks: Jim Moriarty – because it's good to be back in his office; Fran Brown – just happy; Bob Hatala – just happy, Dan Breitbach – just happy Note: all three were at the happy table today; Kevin Carlson – football is set to begin; and John Schweitzer – happy to eat/drink ice tea with a spoon since he has difficulty doing so with a fork. Good luck in life, John.

Speaker: Doug Elliott and Marie DeVries, from the CR Library Board, were on hand to bring us up to date on the library situation. They lost the adult and teen book collections on the first floor along with microfilm, the computer classroom, DVD and CD collections, basically everything on first floor. The children's collection on 2nd floor is okay. They are waiting for the engineers to tour the facility to determine if it's fit to be occupied again.

Hopefully, this will occur in the next two weeks or so. Plans are to get back in there if they get a favorable report and if the city has them in the flood prevention plan. Currently, the library is operating at Westdale Mall and working jointly with the Marion and Hiawatha libraries to offer services. The planning process is underway to roll out a capital campaign after all things are settled and they know the library's facility status. In the interim, there has been a great outpouring of support from people and organizations across the country.

Thanks Doug and Marie for this informative report.

Word for the day: Don Grimm, possibly in deference to his upcoming birthday, paid the dollar then threw "hydragyrum" at us. Meaning what? Answer: mercury. As in the natural element, whose periodic table symbol is Hg.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 30 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Mel Rhodes 9/3

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. New Officer Installation will be at a noon meeting at Elmcrest on September 24th. Savings in lieu of subsidizing the meal will be available for donation to a needy cause. Spouses are welcome as usual;

2. Dan Breitbach continues coordination of the Per Mar security staffing of Hawkeye football games;

3. Kevin Carlson is working on including Cedar Rapids Kiwanis Club archives on our web site, and recommends all visit the site;

4. Dan Breitbach locked in March 14 for our Farmer's Breakfast - Xavier, as usual;

Happy Bucks: Joe Schmall celebrates the 27 anniversary of Bradley & Riley, and paid the fine. Joe has been with the Firm

for 24 of these years; Chuck Wehage noted that Arthur Collins' 99th birthday is coming up on 9/9; Dan Breitbach threw in a buck for Mel Rhodes' birthday; Mike Poggenklass celebrates his 8th anniversary; Bob Dye's grandson received his bionic leg; Mel Rhodes' grandson became a Marine; Joe Schmall looks for a win when his son's team, University of Nebraska - Omaha on the weekend.

Speaker: Steve Buttry, recently appointed editor of The Gazette, spoke about the job of creating a new business model for newspapers. Young folks get a lot of data from electronic sources, classified advertising is gravitating to the Internet, on line ads are cheaper than print. The Gazette has a healthy presence on line with about a hundred thousand page views per day (which bulged to 1.6 million during the flood). The Founding Fathers blessed journalists with special protections in the Bill of Rights, and that comes with a responsibility to thrive and provide the watchdog function for our society. So The Gazette must be a print AND digital publication. The company must do this to continue being a great paper. New challenges include live blogging - up to the minute news on line, while maintaining credibility and authenticity with editorial oversight.

Upcoming Programs: Next week - John Locher The Elder - Green Square Meals. On September 10, Superintendent Dave Marquardt of Cedar Rapids Community Schools will address the club

Word for the day: anodyne: serving to alleviate pain/not likely to offend or arouse tensions - innocuous.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 21 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Sept. 5 Mel Rhodes, Sept. 16 Joe Schmall

Anniversaries: Sept. 8 Jeff Hollingsworth ('04)

Announcements: 1. Speaker coordinator sign up sheet for 2008-09 year is being passed around.

2. Installation dinner is set for Wednesday, Sept. 24 at noon. Cost \$16.40. Spouses and guests are invited.

3. Flood relief certificate of appreciation was sent to us for our help.

4. Ray Vaughn is doing very well, playing golf and joining a bowling league.

5. John Locher announced that October is "America Reads" month. He is checking into schools that might need our help.

6. No workers needed for the Hawkeye-ISU game this Saturday.

Happy Bucks: Dr. Graeff – 104 pennies happy for # of points Missouri has scored in first two games; Doug Dix – the Broncos are a force to be contended with; John Locher is also a Broncos fan; Duane Kurrelmeyer – 60 years ago to started his company; Ron Sundermann – \$ appreciation for the great work Mary Corkery did in getting workers for the Kernels' games; Don Grimm – the great health services in our community as his mom prepares for hip surgery.

Speaker: John Locher introduced his dad, John Locher Sr, President of the Green Square Meals Program board. John gave us a very informative talk on the current state of affairs for this program which has been in existence for 25 years. They are currently serving meals to the poor at Grace Episcopal Church to approximately 40-50 people each evening. December is the target month to move into their new facility at the corner of 2nd Ave and 6th St. SE. It appears that the Witwer Center will join them at this location and use the facility morning and early afternoon, prior to Green Square Meals coming in for the evening dinner. GSM has one paid employee – Maggie; otherwise, it is staffed by volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering, there is a number in the phone book to call Maggie. Thanks John.

Upcoming programs: Next week: Dave Markward, Supt. of Schools in CR

Two weeks: Installation dinner

Word for the day: Kevin Carlson stumped us with “praetorian” – meaning corruptible or fraudulent.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore.

Guests: Mary Lou Erlacher, boss of member Laurie Warden. She is the director of the Workplace Learning Connection. Laurie didn't have to pay a buck!

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Announcements: We need speaker chairs for several months of the next Kiwanis year. Please give your name to the President if you can help.

Bob Hatala, also known as Chief Bob the President to be, says that next week is the annual installation banquet. It starts at noon and is at Elmcrest Country Club. Cost is \$15. Bob promises good food and says Byron will be here, but don't let that keep you away, please.

Happy Bucks: Dick Boardman was happy but too many people were talking and the scribe couldn't hear why he was happy. He did look happy, so we believed him.

Sister Charmaine is happy that John Waggoner is doing a good job up there of keeping his Cubs playing good baseball this year.

John Schweitzer was happy that pitcher, Carlos Zambrano of the Cubs pitched a no hitter and didn't throw his arm out with the 115 pitches he used to do it. John will be happier if Mr. Zambrano can pitch again this year.

Mary Corkery was happy that people helped with the Kernels ball park security project.

Ron Sunderman was happy that Dick Boardman checked his wallet. The scribe has no idea what that means and was too busy writing to ask. Ask Ron and Dick if you are interested.

Speaker: Officer Installation next week.

Dave Marquardt, Superintendant of Schools for Cedar Rapids. He was introduced as having two cats and a dog. He is happy to have a desk this week at the modular site at Kingston Stadium. This is the first time since June 12 that he has had a desk.

He presented the tale of the flood and the school system. Eight feet of water covered the first floor of the Educational Support Center (ESC) downtown. Three feet of water covered the first floor at Taylor School on the SW side. The staff was great at moving things before and after the flood. IT equipment was on the third floor of the ESC and for that they are grateful.

Most of the summer events went as planned but were held in other places. The Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA put up the modular structures north of Kingston Stadium in record time. Taylor School is the only school to take on water. They still do not have a clean bill of health on the ESC or Taylor School due to asbestos mitigation but expect it soon.

1,800 students were displaced due to the flood and had to

be enrolled in different schools. The future of Taylor School is unknown. There was room for all of the students at other schools. Even though their jobs were eliminated at Taylor, all of the faculty and staff were re-assigned to other schools so none of them lost their jobs. They are very lucky because most of the small businesses that were lost downtown could not reassign their employees to other jobs paid for with tax payer money. This was done even though it is likely that the tax revenues will take a big hit because of the depressed property values due to flood and probable default on payments by tax payers. The school system hasn't addressed that issue at this time but may get some big surprises in the future. Stay tuned.

The motto for the school district during recovery is, "We will be back and better!"

Word for the day: Eudemonia. Is defined as a state of Happiness or feeling of well being. Also is a state of happiness of a life of activity governed by reason. The scribe is eudemonias that there is only one word for the day!

Submitted: Dr. David Graeff

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Program:



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Moore. 26 Members in attendance.

Guests: Carol Wehage (Chuck), Wes Landon (Pam), Nancy Sutherland (Keith) and Marjorie Grimm (Don). Byron Tabor was on hand to install new officers.

Birthdays: Mary Corkery (9/25)

Anniversaries: none

Announcements:

Happy Bucks: There were a few but the scribe didn't record them

Speaker: The program was the installation of new officers. Outgoing President, Kelly Moore, gave a brief overview of the past year and presented several certificates to members for their service. He also had a few humorous citations: Fran received a bow and hat so that she would now rival Elton John both in dress and playing; Gerry Kneeland received a hammer for his alter ego demolition skill during the flood relief work day; Sister Charmaine received a yardstick to assist her in maintaining law and order; Dan Breitbach received the "Verbose Bloviator

Award”(enough said) and Bob Hatala was given a stop sign with “Dan Stop” on it (more than enough said).

Byron paid tribute to Kelly’s leadership this past year, then installed the following officers and board members:

President: Bob Hatala

Secretary: Sister Charmaine

Treasurer: Gerry Kneeland

First VP: Dan Breitbach

Second VP: Mike Poggenklas

Past President: Kelly Moore

New board members (terms end 2011)

Don Grimm,

Pam Landon and

Steve Walrath

Word for the day: Salubrious: favorable to or promoting health or well-being. Several in the crowd guessed it correctly so Don had to pony up the dollar.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach - El Verboso Bloviatoro



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala, Esq. 30 Members in attendance.

Guests: Kirk Siders (guest of Duane Kurrelmeyer) and Adam Stradt of Skogman Realty, looked us up online. His father is a long time Kiwanian from the Quad Cities and decided to check us out.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Bob presented Kelly Moore with a plaque to honor his year as President of the Club.

Happy Bucks: Janet Blackledge – reunion cruise for a SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAY went very well; Janet also gave a check to the foundation as she does on her birthday; Don Grimm – in memory of Don Annestaad, a long time friend; Ron Sundermann seconded that as did Chuck Wehage; Dick Boardman – honored to be sitting next to John Anderson; Mike Poggenklass – married into a Wisconsin family and has yet to get an earful from Badger fans about the upcoming Hawkeye game; Bob Hatala – that he seems happier than Chuck; and Keith Sutherland – his parents are in town.

Speaker: Mary Corkery introduced Ed Young, Enterprise Manager for the African-American Museum. Ed gave a great presentation on the Iowa Underground Railroad, which ran almost exclusively in southern Iowa. He said that Iowa was a safe haven for many compared to Missouri. Iowa had the highest number of African American soldiers of any state in the Union during the Civil War. A couple of interesting facts from his presentation: 1) a majority of the slaves ended up in Brazil and the West Indies and not the U.S. – only 4% of those who boarded ships actually made it to shore as most either died in route or were thrown overboard; 2) their treatment was much worse in Brazil and the West Indies where the life expectancy was 1 year.

Ed also reported that they were able to save over 90% of the exhibits at the museum. They are up and running on the second floor only but are offering programs.

Next week: Herbert Hoover Museum

Word for the day: Wordsmith Don Grimm paid a buck again this week for “arriviste” as someone came close to the definition: “one who is bent on ‘arriving’, i.e. on making a good position for himself in the world; a pushing or ambitious person, a self-seeker.”

Submitted: Dan Breitbach - El Verboso Bloviatoro



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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala, Esq. 26 Members in attendance.

Guests: Byron Taber

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: Dan Breitbach announced that he, Sister Charmaine and Bob Dye attended the Xavier Key Club induction ceremony last night. The Club has 215 members.

The speakers' signup sheet is going around.

Janet Blackledge will once again host the Jan. 7 noon meeting at her home since Elmcrest will be closed. Any good will offerings for lunch will be donated to our Foundation. As we get closer to the date, it is important that everyone RSVP so she knows how much to prepare.

Byron Tabor presented the Club with a check in the amount of \$71.62 for our share of Peanut Day sales. Our share is based on # of man hours of work that weekend.

Happy Bucks: It was a happy day as Rod Thorpe opened things up with a \$20 challenge: if at least \$20 is donated, he will throw his \$20 in. The Club responded with \$33. The big question is: Do we trust Breitbach with the money in the absence of our trusted Treasurer, Gerry? Time will tell. It was decided that today's Scribe be responsible for keeping an eye on Breitbach.

Speaker: Mary Corkery introduced Matt Schaefer, an archivist at the Herbert Hoover Library. Matt is one of four archivists there. Matt had a PowerPoint presentation to augment his personal anecdotes. There are over 14,000 boxes of Pres. Hoover's papers that have been archived as well as 35,000 books in the collection. Matt spends 1/3 of his time in ready reference, assisting researchers; another 1/3 in records preservation; and the final 1/3 organizing conferences. He's a 1979 graduate of Mt. Union College in Alliance, OH. He's enthused about his work as evidenced in his presentation. This may come up in Jeopardy some day so pay attention: Q: Gold's Gym has rated which President as the 9th most fit President up to and including Bush. Ans: Herbert Hoover.

The program next week will be the CR Roughriders...so bring your sticks and pucks.

Word for the day: Divarication: The action of separating or branching out in different directions, spreading out, divergence. Don had to pony up a buck because Paula Grady correctly guessed the answer....or maybe it wasn't a guess and she's just that wise.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach - El Verboso Bloviatoro



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala, Esq.
324 Members in attendance.

Guests: Joe Blank, Senior Living, Inc., and Brendan Murphy (Mike Poggenklass)

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Pam Landon pled for volunteers for the Penn State game – email or call Dan B.

2. Dr. Graeff will be sending around a signup sheet for bell ringing on Dec. 6

Happy Bucks: Dick Boardman had an UN-happy buck to inquire about president Hatala's use of crutches (broken 5th metatarsal – a reward for not stepping on the dog); Ron Sunderman was ecstatic with the help received from Joe Schmall's firm in getting Transamerica to pay up on his mother-in-law's long term care policy; Keith Sutherland celebrated victory over the mole that was tearing up his yard; Don Grimm noted that Margie was out of town again, and was happy with the service to the community provided by WRAP – Wheelchair Ramp

Accessibility Program.

Speaker: Mark Carlson, GM of the CR RoughRiders, talked about his ten years with the team, including his selection in the 2004-5 season as Coach of the Year in the league, USHL. Mr. Carlson is a native of New Jersey.

Key to the ability of the team to operate in CR, host families basically adopt the players, and many form long lasting relationships. The players' ages range from 16 to 20, and play in the USHL with the goal of receiving an athletic scholarship from a Division 1 school to play hockey. Players come from all over the US and many from Europe. They either attend high school at Kennedy, junior college at Kirkwood, or they work a part time job somewhere.

The RoughRiders have three past players in the NHL, and many in university programs on scholarships.

The team is 7-1 so far this year, only 52 games to go

Upcoming Programs: HAACAP, then, Mercy Hospice

Word for the day: Deuteragonist – The second actor or person in a drama: distinguished from the protagonist.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage - El Verboso Bloviatoro the lesser



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NEWSLETTER

Kiwanis Club of Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala, Esq.
28 Members in attendance.

Guests: Joe Blanck, likely new member

Birthdays: Laurel Worden

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Dr. Graeff sent around a signup sheet for bell ringing at the Blairs Ferry WalMart, merchandise door, on Dec. 6, and will also seek a second opportunity for us.

2. No Board meetings in November and December because of proximity to the holidays.

3. Janet Blackledge sent around a sheet to get a count for the January 7 meeting at her home.

Happy Bucks: Kathleen Hedlund was glad that her globe-trotting daughter was home for a visit from Amsterdam, and her London-based granddaughter was pleased with the election outcome; Don Grimm was happy that Marjorie is back, and that his brother and family are visiting; Joe Schmall was fairly busting over the Xavier win at Iowa City, and looks forward to Friday's

event against Cedar Falls; Bob Dye observed that Kennedy's volleyball team is going to State; Duane Kurrelmeyer's grandson plays for Cedar Falls, so his buck keeps things balanced; Keith Sutherland was glad the elections were OVER; Mike Poggenklass celebrated Dr. Sunderman's son inclusion in the 40 Under 40, but a little sad that he has joined another service club; Dad Ron responded with another buck; Dan Breitbach seconded the motion about the big Xavier win; Janet Blackledge was just basically happy; Charlene Boardman was happy seeing husband Dick doing something useful (he collected Happy Bucks).

Speaker: David Hagen of HACAP helped us to see where his organization fits into the big picture in the community. They take families as they exit crisis mode into a development phase to try to make lives better. Their major areas of action are Housing, Energy assistance, Early Child Care, Maternal & Child Health, Community Advocacy and Community Integration. They seek to educate the community to toss out old stereotypes of poor people, and to get the community to consider the real costs of poverty. They hope to get everyone in their service area (six or seven counties in Eastern Iowa) to live in decency and dignity. They are the largest Community Action Agency in town, providing services to about ten percent of the population

Word for the day: tintinabulate: to ring or tinkle, as a bell (supplied by Kevin)

Submitted: Chuck Wehage - El Verboso Bloviatoro the lesser



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NEWSLETTER

Kiwanis Club of Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Brietbach (in for the ailing (Bob Hatala). 22 Members in attendance.

Guests: Rebecca McGrew, Corey Harrison, Adam Osten, Bryant Wright (members of IJAG, the subject of today's program) and Byron Tabor

Birthdays: Steve Walrath

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Byron Tabor: Hiawatha CREW is raising funds to supply dictionaries for all third graders in town, by selling soy candles in a variety of sizes and scents. Prices range from \$11 to \$23;

2. CREW is now meeting at the Hiawatha Civic Center. Meals are brownbag, or from Witwer (cost: \$4). A days notice is required to arrange the Witwer lunch;

3. John Schweitzer has arranged this year's performance by the Xavier chorus for December 17 at our regular meeting at Elmcrest. In order to avoid the shame of being outnumbered by the performers, John suggests rounding up guests in quantity.

Elmcrest will need a count, so a sheet will go around next week; the Homeless Childrens Trust event will take place on December 13, with companion shoppers, wrappers and drivers needed (See John, Sister Charmaine or Mary Corkery for more on this.);

4. Bell ringing at WalMart is set for two days, December 6 and November 29. Ringers are needed for the 29th;

5. At a recent Foundation board meeting, the bylaws were reviewed. More later.

Happy Bucks: Kelly Allen sent along a buck to recognize Pam Landon's profile in the Gazette (delivered by Dan Breitbach in Kelly's absence); Jim Platt glad to be back after three week's absence – long story; Dick Boardman swelled with pride for "son" Brieitach's exercise of authority at a 5th grade basketball game at the Red Cross; Don Grimm was glad that his brother made it to CR in his old hooptie, given that the tranny failed in the last mile; also, Don's mother is doing well and back at Meth-Wick after surgery; Byron was thrilled with the Kennedy HS Key Club, including leadership training in Nebraska for the new president of the club.

Speaker: Program Overview: Chris Busing of Washington HS told of JAG, Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates. It's a class where students learn hard and soft skills that will lead to success in college or a job after high school, and get involved in community service. Two of the officers, Corey Harrison and Rebecca McGrew, spoke of their experiences and goals in the program. JAG is a national program. Washington has two classes divided by grade level, with a total of about 90 students. See <http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/805/1387/> for in-depth descriptions of the program. Judging by the officers, the program is more than worthwhile, evidenced by the ease with which ninth graders addressed the club. Because they look for opportunities to serve the community, Mr. Busing offered to do joint projects with Kiwanis. CHW

Word for the day: Hackles: special feathers on a rooster; also, neck hairs on a dog.

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Kiwanis Club of Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala, Esq.
23 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Sr. Charmaine

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Reminder: Jan 7 meeting is at Janet Blackledge; John Schweitzer has arranged for the Xavier choir at our December 17 meeting; Sr. Charmaine explained the process for frozen cinnamon rolls distribution this year.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt was happy for the sunshine today; Kay Bloom celebrates the arrival of two new Swedes in her family – Anika and John; Duane Kurrelmeyer shed a crocodile tear for Joe Schmall's disappointment over the Xavier loss to Cedar Falls (Duane's grandson plays for the winners); Janet Blackledge was happy that the burglar that damaged her lockset failed to gain entry; Don Grimm was happy to report his mother's good progress after surgery, and that he was going to Texas for Thanksgiving; Pam Landon paid up for having her picture in the paper.

Speaker: Sue Hawn of the Mercy Hospital Development organization reviewed the period of early June through the floods. The hospital's Incident Command Center at first prepared to serve the community during the flood, and then found they had to switch modes to that of flood victim. Mercy is outside the "500 year" flood plain, and has flood insurance. Early in the event, they lost power and switched to backup. Also early on, all elective procedures were postponed. Eventually, the threat of flooding in the lower levels threatened even the backup power, so the decision was made to evacuate the hospital. The image of transporting 180 patients down stairwells in the dark from the upper floors was just too powerful. Ambulances from around the area were summoned, and the patients were distributed to nursing homes and other hospitals. Mercy caregivers accompanied each patient to assure continuity of care.

Mercy reopened in two weeks. The hospital has been renovated, and thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom.

142 families of Mercy employees were directly affected by the floods, and continue to receive support.

Word for the day:

Submitted: Dan Breitbach - El Verboso Bloviatoro



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NEWSLETTER

Kiwanis Club of Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala, Esq.
20 Members in attendance.

Guests: Byron Tabor

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Mel Rhodes (02)

Announcements: 1. Reminder: Jan 7 meeting is at Janet Blackledge;

2. John Schweitzer has arranged for the Xavier choir at our December 17 meeting;

3. Byron Tabor is developing a new plan to recruit Lieutenant Governors – each club is asked to present a candidate. A real election will take place, and a plan for succession will be put in place (lieutenant lieutenant governor?). Byron also says that Marion Metro will join our club when Xavier sings on December 17.

4. Dave Graeff needs ringers for November 29.

5. Byron Tabor is peddling candles as a fundraiser to supply dictionaries for all 3rd graders in the area – it improves literacy.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt is zeroing in on Thanksgiving; Mel Rhodes fessed up to his birthday, Chuck Wehage looks forward to family arriving for the holiday; Dick Boardman threw in a buck, too.

Upcoming Programs: next two weeks: Tom Hobson from Rockwell Collins, and then Todd Dorman of the Gazette

Speaker: Jo Johnson of the Oldorf Hospice of Mercy talked about their operation. A wide variety of services is provided to patients and families of those with terminal illness, including nursing services, social workers, funeral planning, helping patients to accept their illnesses, and counseling to children of the patients.

5% of their man hours are by volunteers. They provide physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Their bereavement services follow a patient's demise, and they may follow up with the family for months. They have targeted bereavement services for children – things like pairs of stuffed animals and a Memory Box , both to create new memories of terminally ill relatives.

The Oldorf Center has 12 beds. The average stay is 10 days, and families are welcome there 24/7. A fully equipped kitchen is available. They provide professional pet therapy, as well as music and massage therapy. Respite care is offered to give caregivers of Hospice outpatients an occasional break.

Word for the day: georgic ~ relating to agriculture

Submitted: Chuck Wehage



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NEWSLETTER

Kiwanis Club of Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hatala, Esq.
22 Members in attendance.

Guests: Joe Blanck ~ actually Joe will be our newest member as he's been approved by the board and awaiting installation.

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: 1. John Schweitzer ~ Xavier choir is next week and he thinks they will sound better than we did today.

2. David Graeff ~ Thanks to all who rang bells for Salvation Army last week.

3. Bob Hatala ~ Next week will be the last Wednesday meeting until after the New Year. Jan. 7 meeting will be at Janet's.

4. Dan Breitbach ~ The foundation board met yesterday to create written policies for both investment/spending and gift acceptance. The target date for having the policies approved is mid-January 2009. He also reminded everyone that the pancake breakfast is March 14 and ticket sales will begin in mid-to-late

January.

Happy Bucks: Dick Boardman – paid a self-imposed fine for bringing the wrong name tag. (I wonder who folds his clothes, too.) Don Grimm – his son is in town interviewing at Collins. Chuck Wehage – finally received the last \$5,000 from his home encounter with lightning. Bob Dye – his grandson has his final chemo treatment tomorrow. John Anderson – he is constantly reminded of the far-reaching swath that Sister Charmaine holds on the community. Fran Brown – defended the singing today as just shy of excellent. Dan Breitbach – just happy to see John Anderson's smiling face and his dad's too.

Upcoming Programs: Xavier choir next week, then nothing until January 14 since the 7th is at Janet's.

Speaker: Mary Corkery introduced Todd Dormann, editorial columnist for the Gazette. Todd received his journalism degree from Drake. He is originally from Belmond, IA. He started at the Gazette in October 2007; prior to that he spent 10 years with Lee Enterprises. He writes 3 columns weekly and serves on the editorial board. From his perspective as a columnist, these are interesting times to write about. And, overall, he is heartened by the responses that he receives to his editorials. The readers are usually very informed and civil, regardless of whether or not they agree with him. One of the big challenges that newspapers are facing across the country is the major change in readership to online. The problem lies in the loss of revenues from both subscriptions and advertising dollars. He's not quite sure how all this will shake out long-term. Thanks Todd for an informative presentation.

Word for the day: Wordmaster Don Grimm stumped us with: "solidus" – 1. a gold coin of the Roman empire, originally worth about 25 denarii. 2. A sloping line used to separate shillings from pence. Hmmm? Can't understand why one of us didn't solve that one correctly.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach - El Verboso Bloviatoro